

**BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
STATE OF GEORGIA**

IN THE MATTER OF

CASE NO.

Dawn Dwyer

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2005-0057

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CONSENT ORDER

Following a preliminary hearing on July 29, 2005, the Commission found reasonable grounds to believe that Dawn Dwyer had violated the Ethics in Government Act, and Dawn Dwyer (hereinafter known as "Respondent") was set down for an Administrative Procedure Act hearing.

Now prior to an Administrative Procedure Act hearing in this matter, the State Ethics Commission and the Respondent agree and consent to the following terms to resolve the pending case by Consent Order.

The Respondent, a registered lobbyist, failed to file one or more lobbyist reports in violation of the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 21-5-73. The Commission considered the following actions by the Respondent in determining that there were reasonable grounds that the Ethics in Government Act had been violated:

- 1) Respondent's failure to timely report as a lobbyist;
- 2) Respondent's failure to file subsequent to the Commission's electronic communication of a notice of delinquency in reporting; and
- 3) Respondent's continued failure to comply by not reporting in response to the Commission's letters notifying the Respondent of the intention to revoke the lobbyist's registration and seek the imposition of civil penalties.

FAILURE TO FILE LOBBYIST DISCLOSURE REPORTS

The Respondent was a registered lobbyist on behalf of the Council of Juvenile Court Judges. As a registered lobbyist, the Respondent was required to electronically file Lobbyist Disclosure Reports with the State Ethics Commission.

Respondent's employment with the Council of Juvenile Court Judges ended on January 14, 2005. At that time, Respondent's supervisor, Eric John, instructed Respondent that the Council of Juvenile Court Judges would be responsible for filing paperwork required to terminate her status as a state employee, including her registration as a lobbyist with the State Ethics Commission.

Respondent's supervisor failed to terminate Respondent's registration as a lobbyist. Respondent's employer also failed to respond to or forward any of the State Ethics Commission's letters sent to the Respondent at the Council office. As such, Respondent never

received any of the Commission's letters regarding her continuing status as an active lobbyist and her responsibility to file lobbyist reports.

Due to Respondent's supervisor's abovementioned failures, Respondent admits that she retained the status of an active lobbyist through March, 2005. As such, Respondent admits failure to timely file Lobbyist Disclosure Reports disclosing no expenditures for the following periods with the State Ethics Commission in violation of O.C.G.A. § 21-5-73:

February 2005 (State)
March 2005 (State)

SANCTION

The Commission considers and accepts the affidavit entered in by Eric John, the direct supervisor of the Respondent, which states that said affiant accepts responsibility of the failure to terminate the Respondent's lobbyist status at the time of employment separation which occurred on January 14, 2005 as indicated to the Respondent. The failure of the Respondent to ensure that her status was properly terminated led to the late filing of two reports. In light of these facts the Respondent agrees to pay a nominal civil penalty of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) from personal funds within thirty (30) days of the date of this order.

The Respondent consents to the foregoing findings of fact and conclusions of law and agrees to comply with all terms of this order.

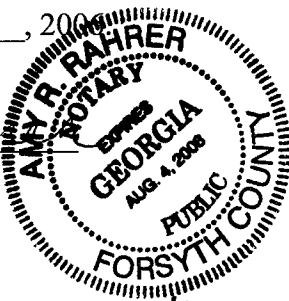
The Respondent is ordered to cease and desist from any and all violations of the Ethics in Government Act, and is ordered to comply with all provisions of this order.

The State Ethics Commission accepts the foregoing admissions, statements, and conclusions of law as the Commission's findings of fact and conclusions of law. The Commission orders compliance with all terms of this order.

Signature of Dawn Dwyer attested
to on this 21 day of March, 2006.

RESPONDENT:

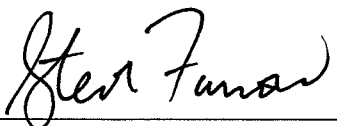
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Dawn Dwyer

SO ORDERED this 30th day of March, 2006.

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

By: 
Steve Farrow
Chairman